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Academic Freedom and Tenure (AFT) Committee

Minutes for meeting held 23 March 2016

In attendance (in person or via dial-in or videoconferencing): Bruce Duerden, Kathy Chudoba, Cathy Bullock, Peter Adler, Farrell Edwards, Becky Thoms, Anthony Lott, John Stevens, Suzie Jones, Michael Lyons

Meetings called to order at 2:30 pm, and minutes from 2/24/16 meeting were approved.

Old Business

- Requiring reasons for non-renewal (407.6.4) be specified (by some level of administration) – meet with reps from President's and Provost's offices
 - John still arranging to meet; may not finalize proposal until next year

New business

- Looking ahead to new chair & vice chair next year ...
 - Michael Lyons agreed to run as chair; Sandra Weingart (incoming AFT rep from Libraries) suggested as possible candidate for vice chair – John to contact her
- Other items from committee
 - The Trustees meeting on April 8th may result in denials of tenure and/or promotion, with possible grievance inquiries following. AFT members should be ready for a call for panel members, and we'll try to resolve any grievances quickly (before the committee rotates at the end of June).
 - Next meeting April 20th at 2:30 pm